

REMARKS

The present request is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated October 18, 2006, which set a three-month period for response, making a response due by January 18, 2007 and with the initial two-month period for response expiring on December 18, 2006.

Claims 3-5, 7-8, 12, 13, 19-22, 26, 27, and 31-35 are pending in this application, with claims 12, 13, 19-22, 36, and 27 having been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to an election/restriction requirement. Claims 3-5, 7-8 and 31-35, therefore, are under consideration.

In the final Office Action, claims 6-8 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, on grounds the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for methods of screening with fragments of Ewing sarcoma protein of SEQ ID NO: 2. Claims 3-8 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 34 and 35 and the conditional allowance of claim 32, if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Pursuant to the telephone conference held between the Examiner and the Applicants' attorney, in this amendment, claim 3 has been amended to limit the amino acid sequence of the fragment of the human androgen receptor to amino acids 325 – 918 "of SEQ ID NO: 8".

In addition, claim 6 has been canceled, and any claims that depended on claim 6 have been amended to depend on claim 34, as proposed by the Examiner in the conference.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present application with pending claims 3-5, 7-8 and 31-35 now stands in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss any remaining matters in order to move the application toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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